

2. A method for enhancing communication within a
community according to claim 1 wherein said establishing a
hierarchical structure further comprises:

creating a top-level hierarchy having at least one top-
level subject;

creating at least one mid-level hierarchy, each of said
at least one mid-level hierarchy having at least one mid-level
subject related to at least one of said at least one top-level
subject; and

creating a low-level hierarchy having at least one low-
level subject related to at least one of said at least one
mid-level subject,

wherein each of said stored communications becomes an
item indexed to at least one of said at least one low-level
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3. A method for enhancing communication within a
community according to claim 2 wherein said distributing
control through inherited parameters of said hierarchical
structure further comprises:

assigning at least one top-level leader for each of said
at least one top-level subject;

assigning at least one mid-level leader for each of said
at least one mid-level subject; and

assigning at least one low-level leader for each of said
at least one low-level subject.

4. A method for enhancing communication within a
community according to claim 3 wherein said distributing
control through inherited parameters of said hierarchical
structure further comprises:

assigning at least one of said inherited parameters to
each of said at least one top-level subject, wherein said at
least one of said inherited parameters controls input or

8 access to a database function by said at least one top-level
leader associated with said at least one top-level subject;

10 assigning at least one of said inherited parameters to
each of said at least one mid-level subject, wherein said at
12 least one of said inherited parameters controls input or
access to a database function by said at least one mid-level
14 leader associated with said at least one mid-level subject;
and

16 assigning at least one of said inherited parameters to
each of said at least one low-level subject, wherein said at
18 least one of said inherited parameters controls input or
access to a database function by said at least one low-level
20 leader associated with said at least one low-level subject.

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5. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 4:

wherein said at least one of said inherited parameters
4 assigned to each of said at least one low-level subject is
inherited from said at least one mid-level subject related to
6 said at least one low-level subject, and

further wherein said at least one of said inherited
8 parameters assigned to each of said at least one mid-level
subject is inherited from said at least one top-level subject
10 related to said at least one mid-level subject, and

further wherein said at least one of said inherited
12 parameters assigned to each of said at least one top-level
subject is inherited from a web master.

6. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 5:

wherein said at least one parameter inherited by each of
4 said at least one low-level subject is the same as, or
narrower in scope, than said at least one parameter assigned

6 to each of said at least one mid-level subject related to said
at least one low-level subject, and

8 further wherein said at least one parameter inherited by
each of said at least one mid-level subject is the same as, or
10 narrower in scope, than said at least one parameter assigned
to each of said at least one top-level subject related to said
12 at least one mid-level subject.

7. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 6:

wherein said at least one of said inherited parameters
4 assigned to each of said at least one top-level subject is
inherited from a web master, and

6 further wherein said at least one parameter inherited by
each of said at least one top-level subject is the same as, or
8 narrower in scope, than said at least one parameter assigned
to each of said at least one top-level subject by said web
10 master.

8. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 7:

wherein each of said inherited parameters comprises a one
4 of a privacy parameter, screening parameter, input parameter,
user ID parameter, and an approval parameter.

9. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 8:

wherein each of said inherited parameters has at least
4 one access level, wherein a higher one of each of said at
least one access level provides more management control than a
6 lower one of each of said at least one access level.

10. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 7 wherein said distributing

control through inherited parameters of said hierarchical
4 structure further comprises:

allowing said at least one top-level leader associated
6 with said at least one top-level subject, said at least one
mid-level leader associated with said at least one mid-level
8 subject, and said at least one low-level leader associated
with said at least one mid-level subject, to change
10 respectively said at least one access level of said inherited
parameters at any time.

11. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said distributing
control through inherited parameters of said hierarchical
4 structure further comprises:

assigning an access status to each of said plurality of
6 users,

wherein said access status comprises a one of an
8 inclusive access and an exclusive access, and

further wherein said inclusive access allows access to
10 each of said stored communications in said hierarchical
structure except where excluded by said inherited parameters,
12 and

further wherein said exclusive access allows access to
14 each of said stored communications in said hierarchical
structure only where explicitly assigned.

12. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said establishing a
hierarchical structure for organizing communications further
4 comprises:

utilizing a database for establishing said hierarchical
6 structure,

wherein said at least a portion of said communications
8 are stored in said hierarchical structure in said database.

13. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 12 further comprising:

4 recording and storing a communication from a user in said
database when said user is not accessing said database at the
time said communication is initiated.

14 A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said enabling dynamic
interaction further comprises:

4 stratifying said selected portion of said communications
into at least one item type.

15. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 14 wherein said at least one item
type is a one of an idea, question, event, review, survey,
4 newsletter, and action item.

16. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said presenting a
selected portion of said communications further comprises:

4 filtering said at least a portion of said communications
yielding a filtered portion of communications;

6 consolidating said filtered portion of communications
yielding a consolidated portion of communications;

8 sorting said consolidated portion of communications
yielding a sorted portion of communications; and

10 presenting said sorted portion of communications
according to a predetermined level of content review.

17. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said storing in said
hierarchical structure further comprises:

4 attaching a resource to at least one of said at least a
portion of said communications,

6 wherein said resource is a one of an internal database
link, a document/file attachment, and an external Internet
8 link.

18. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said enabling dynamic
interaction further comprises:

4 alerting said at least one of said plurality of users to
an activity within the community,

6 wherein said activity is a one of a topic within said
hierarchical structure, an item type within said hierarchical
8 structure, a response from an individual user within the
community, a response from any one of a member of a group of
10 users within the community, a new posting from an individual
user within the community, and a new posting from any one of a
12 member of a group of users within the community.

19. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said enabling dynamic
interaction further comprises:

4 alerting said at least one of said plurality of users to
a message within the community,

6 wherein said message is sent to at least a one of a home
page of said at least one of said plurality of users, to an e-
8 mail account of said at least one of said plurality of users,
to a voice mail box of said at least one of said plurality of
10 users, and to some other type of communications device of said
at least one of said plurality of users.

20. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 1 wherein said enabling dynamic
interaction further comprises:

4 alerting a select group of others within the community to
an activity or a message of said at least one of said
6 plurality of users,

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8 wherein said activity is a one of a topic within said
hierarchical structure, an item type within said hierarchical
structure, a response from said at least one of said plurality
10 of users, a new posting from said at least one of said
plurality of users, and

12 further wherein said message is sent to at least a one of
a home page of said select group of others within the
14 community, to an e-mail account of said select group of others
within the community, to a voice mail box of said select group
16 of others within the community, and to some other type of
communications device of said select group of others within
18 the community.

21. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community, the computer system comprising:

an application platform running an application that
4 organizes a plurality of communications, said application
further comprising:

6 a database for storing said plurality of
communications;

8 an inherited parameters responsibility module for
establishing a hierarchical structure for said plurality
10 of communications and for distributing control of said
hierarchical structure to a plurality of users within the
12 community;

an input module for capturing said plurality of
14 communications within said hierarchical structure sent by
said plurality of users from a plurality of communication
16 devices;

a thread synchronization module for synchronizing
18 said plurality of communications within said hierarchical
structure;

20 a reviewing module for presenting said synchronized
plurality of communications in said hierarchical
22 structure to said plurality of users for dynamic
interaction; and

24 an output module for outputting a plurality of
responses to said plurality of communications from said
26 plurality of users to said plurality of communication
devices.

22. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 21 wherein said application
platform is a one of a centralized application platform
4 architecture and a distributed application platform
architecture,

6 wherein said distributed application platform
architecture has a plurality of databases for storing
8 distributively said plurality of communications.

23. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 22 further comprising:

for said distributed application platform architecture,
4 an inherited parameters synchronization module for determining
a one of a plurality of application platforms of said
6 distributed application platform that contains a portion of
said plurality of communications sought by a one of said
8 plurality of users, and for routing said one of said plurality
of users to said one of a plurality of application platforms;
10 and

a content synchronization module for exchanging and
12 synchronizing content between said plurality of databases.

24. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 21 wherein said application
further comprises:

4 a content access interface for determining a current
hierarchical structure of said database accessible by said
6 plurality of users;

an authorization module for authorizing each of said
8 plurality of users to access a portion of said plurality of
communications stored in said database to which each of said
10 plurality of users have access rights and in conjunction with
said inherited parameters responsibility module;

12 an interaction control module for determining a dynamic
interaction capability for said plurality of users with said
14 plurality of communications stored in said database to which
said plurality of users have access rights in conjunction with
16 said inherited parameters responsibility module; and

18 a content prioritizing interface for sorting and
prioritizing the order said plurality of communications are
presented to each of said plurality of users for review.

25. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 21 further comprising:

a recording module accessible by said plurality of
4 communication devices,

wherein said recording module, after a user input is
6 received in a one of said plurality of communication devices
on a record option, queries said database causing said
8 database to deliver to said one of said plurality of
communication devices said hierarchical structure of said
10 plurality of communications, and

further wherein said recording module receives a user
12 selection input of a topic within said hierarchical structure
with which to associate a communication from said one of said
14 plurality of communication devices, and

further wherein said recording module records and stores
16 in said database said communication sent from said one of said
plurality of communication devices.

26. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 25 wherein said recording
module resides on said one of said plurality of communication
4 devices.

27. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 25 wherein said recording
module resides on said application and is accessed over a
4 communication channel by a user input on said record option
selected from a tool bar displayed on said one of said
6 plurality of communication devices.

28. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 21 wherein said inherited
parameters responsibility module further comprises:

4 a hierarchy initiation module for creating a plurality of
headings in a top-level hierarchy and for assigning at least
6 one heading leader for each of said plurality of headings, and

for creating a plurality of categories in a mid-level
8 hierarchy and for assigning at least one category leader for
each of said plurality of categories, and

10 for creating a plurality of topics in a low-level
hierarchy and for assigning at least one topic leader for each
12 of said plurality of topics,

wherein each of said stored plurality of communications
14 becomes an item indexed to at least one of said plurality of
topics.

29. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 21 wherein said input module
further comprises:

4 a resource attachment module for attaching a resource to
at least a one of said plurality of communications,

6 wherein said resource is a one of an internal database
link, a document/file attachment, and an external Internet
8 link.

30. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 21 wherein said thread
synchronization module further comprises:

4 an initial priority-based content placement module for
determining a priority assignment for an initial communication
6 so that when reviewed by a one of said plurality of users
accessing said application, said initial communication is
8 reviewed in proper relationship to a portion of said plurality
of communications related to said initial communication; and

10 a response priority-based content placement module for
determining a priority assignment for a response communication
12 so that when reviewed by a one of said plurality of users
accessing said application, said response communication is
14 reviewed in proper relationship to a portion of said plurality
of communications related to said response communication.

31. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 21 wherein said reviewing
module further comprises:

4 a filter module for setting at least one filter
parameter,

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6 wherein said at least one filter parameter is at
least a one of a filter out parameter that filters out a
8 first portion of said synchronized plurality of
communications and a filter in parameter that filters in
10 a second portion of said synchronized plurality of
communications for review by a user; and

12 a consolidation reviewing interface for setting a level
of content review,

14 wherein said set level of content review is a one of
a full review, a summary only review, a title only
16 review, and an all responses review.

32. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 21 wherein said reviewing
module further comprises:

4 a customized interactive reviewing module for creating a
digital binder,

6 wherein said customized interactive reviewing module
allows each of said plurality of users to aggregate in said
8 digital binder a specific portion of said plurality of
communications most useful to each of said plurality of users.

33. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 32 wherein said input module
and said thread synchronization module update said digital
4 binder in real time with new content received in said
application related to said specific portion of said plurality
6 of communications aggregated in said digital binder.

34. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 21 wherein said application
further comprises:

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4 an alerts module for setting automatic alerts,
wherein a select group of said plurality of users can be
6 automatically alerted to at least one activity or at least one
message, wherein said at least one activity is a one of a
8 topic within said hierarchical structure, an item type within
said hierarchical structure, a response from an individual
10 user within the community, a response from any one of a member
of a group of users within the community, a new posting from
12 an individual user within the community, and a new posting
from any one of a member of a group of users within the
14 community,

and further wherein said at least one message is sent to
16 at least a one of a home page of said select group of said
plurality of users, to an e-mail account of said select group
18 of said plurality of users, to a voice mail box of said select
group of said plurality of users, and to some other type of
20 communications device of said select group of said plurality
of users.

35. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving in an application in an application
4 platform a communication sent by a user from a first
communication device;

(b) determining an access right said user has to
6 information stored in a database of said application in said
8 application platform;

(c) accessing a current database hierarchy,
10 authorization parameters, and interaction control parameters
for said application;

(d) granting access to said user, according to said
12 access right of said user, to a portion of said information
14 stored in said database;

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(e) determining a dynamic interaction capability for
16 said user with said portion of said information based on said
database hierarchy, said authorization parameters, and said
18 interaction control parameters;

(f) prioritizing an order of said portion of said
20 information;

(g) presenting said ordered said portion of said
22 information to said user for review;

(h) accepting an initial input from said user according
24 to said dynamic interaction capability from said first
communication device for storage in said database; and

(i) outputting said initial input from said user to at
26 least a second communication device.

36. A method according to claim 35 wherein said access
2 right is based upon an access status, wherein said access
status comprises a one of an inclusive access and an exclusive
4 access, and

further wherein said inclusive access allows access to
6 said information stored in said database except where excluded

by said authorization parameters and said interaction control
8 parameters, and

further wherein said exclusive access allows access to
10 said information stored in said database only where explicitly
assigned.

37. A method according to claim 35 wherein said current
2 database hierarchy comprises:

a top-level hierarchy having at least one top-level
4 subject;

at least one mid-level hierarchy, each of said at least
6 one mid-level hierarchy having at least one mid-level subject
related to at least one of said at least one top-level
8 subject; and

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a low-level hierarchy having at least one low-level
10 subject related to at least one of said at least one mid-level
subject,

12 wherein said initial input becomes an item indexed to at
least one of said at least one low-level subject.

38. A method according to claim 37 wherein said current
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level leader assigned to each of said at
4 least one top-level subject;

at least one mid-level leader assigned to each of said at
6 least one mid-level subject; and

at least one low-level leader assigned to each of said at
8 least one low-level subject.

39. A method according to claim 37 wherein said current
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level authorization parameter and at
4 least one top-level interaction control parameter associated
with each of said at least one top-level subject;

6 at least one mid-level authorization parameter and at
least one mid-level interaction control parameter associated
8 with each of said at least one mid-level subject; and
at least one low-level authorization parameter and at
10 least one low-level interaction control parameter associated
with each of said at least one low-level subject.

40. A method according to claim 39 wherein said at least
2 one low-level authorization parameter and said at least one
low-level interaction control parameter associated with each
4 of said at least one low-level subject is inherited from said
at least one mid-level subject related to said at least one
6 low-level subject, and

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further wherein said at least one mid-level authorization
8 parameter and said at least one mid-level interaction control
parameter associated with each of said at least one mid-level
10 subject is inherited from said at least one top-level subject
related to said at least one mid-level subject, and

12 further wherein said at least one top-level authorization
parameter and said at least one top-level interaction control
14 parameter associated with each of said at least one top-level
subject is inherited from a web master.

41 A method according to claim 35 wherein said
2 determining dynamic interaction capability further comprises:
stratifying said portion of said information into at
4 least one item type.

42. A method according to claim 41 wherein said at least
2 one item type comprises a one of an idea, question, event,
review, survey, newsletter, and action item.

43. A method according to claim 35 wherein each of said
2 authorization parameters has at least one access level,

wherein a higher one of each of said at least one access level
4 provides more management control than a lower one of each of
said at least one access level.

44. A method according to claim 35 wherein each of said
2 interaction control parameters has at least one control level,
wherein a higher one of each of said at least one control
4 level provides more management control than a lower one of
each of said at least one control level.

45. A method according to claim 35 wherein said
2 presenting step further comprises:

presenting alerts to said user to an activity within the
4 community,

wherein said activity is a one of a topic within said
6 hierarchical structure, an item type within said hierarchical
structure, a response from an individual user within the
8 community, a response from any one of a member of a group of
users within the community, a new posting from an individual
10 user within the community, and a new posting from any one of a
member of a group of users within the community.

46. A method according to claim 35 wherein said
2 presenting step further comprises:

presenting alerts to said user to a message within the
4 community,

wherein said message is sent to at least a one of a home
6 page of said user, to an e-mail account of said user, to a
voice mail box of said user, and to some other type of
8 communications device of said user.

47. A method according to claim 35 wherein said
2 outputting step further comprises:

outputting said initial input as an alert to a select
4 group of users,

wherein said initial input is output to at least a one of
6 a home page of said select group of users, an e-mail account
of said select group of users, a voice mail box of said select
8 group of users, and to some other type of communications
device of said select group of users.

48. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving in an application in an application
4 platform a communication sent by a user from a first
communication device;

(b) determining an access right said user has to
6 information stored in a database of said application in said
8 application platform;

(c) accessing a current database hierarchy,
10 authorization parameters, and interaction control parameters
for said application;

(d) granting access to said user, according to said
12 access right of said user, to a portion of said information
stored in said database;

(e) determining a dynamic interaction capability for
16 said user with said portion of said information based on said
database hierarchy, said authorization parameters, and said
18 interaction control parameters;

(f) prioritizing an order of said portion of said
20 information;

(g) presenting said ordered said portion of said
22 information to said user for review;

(h) receiving a selection input by said user an item
24 type to respond to;

(i) accepting a response input from said user according
26 to said dynamic interaction capability from said first
communication device for storage in said database; and

(j) outputting said response input from said user to at
28 least a second communication device.

49. A method according to claim 48 wherein said access
2 right is based upon an access status, wherein said access
status comprises a one of an inclusive access and an exclusive
4 access, and

6 further wherein said inclusive access allows access to
said information stored in said database except where excluded
by said authorization parameters and said interaction control
8 parameters, and

further wherein said exclusive access allows access to
10 said information stored in said database only where explicitly
assigned.

50. A method according to claim 48 wherein said current
2 database hierarchy comprises:

a top-level hierarchy having at least one top-level
4 subject;

at least one mid-level hierarchy, each of said at least
6 one mid-level hierarchy having at least one mid-level subject
related to at least one of said at least one top-level
8 subject; and

a low-level hierarchy having at least one low-level
10 subject related to at least one of said at least one mid-level
subject,

12 wherein said response input becomes an item indexed to at
least one of said at least one low-level subject.

51. A method according to claim 50 wherein said current
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level leader assigned to each of said at
4 least one top-level subject;

at least one mid-level leader assigned to each of said at
6 least one mid-level subject; and

at least one low-level leader assigned to each of said at
8 least one low-level subject.

52. A method according to claim 50 wherein said current
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level authorization parameter and at
4 least one top-level interaction control parameter associated
with each of said at least one top-level subject;

6 at least one mid-level authorization parameter and at
least one mid-level interaction control parameter associated
8 with each of said at least one mid-level subject; and

at least one low-level authorization parameter and at
10 least one low-level interaction control parameter associated
with each of said at least one low-level subject.

53. A method according to claim 52 wherein said at least
2 one low-level authorization parameter and said at least one
low-level interaction control parameter associated with each
4 of said at least one low-level subject is inherited from said
at least one mid-level subject related to said at least one
6 low-level subject, and

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further wherein said at least one mid-level authorization
8 parameter and said at least one mid-level interaction control
parameter associated with each of said at least one mid-level
10 subject is inherited from said at least one top-level subject
related to said at least one mid-level subject, and

12 further wherein said at least one top-level authorization
parameter and said at least one top-level interaction control
14 parameter associated with each of said at least one top-level
subject is inherited from a web master.

54. A method according to claim 48 wherein said
2 determining dynamic interaction capability further comprises:

stratifying said portion of said information into at
4 least one item type.

55. A method according to claim 54 wherein said at least
2 one item type comprises a one of an idea, question, event,
review, survey, newsletter, and action item.

56. A method according to claim 48 wherein each of said
2 authorization parameters has at least one access level,
wherein a higher one of each of said at least one access level
4 provides more management control than a lower one of each of
said at least one access level.

57. A method according to claim 48 wherein each of said
2 interaction control parameters has at least one control level,
wherein a higher one of each of said at least one control
4 level provides more management control than a lower one of
each of said at least one control level.

58. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving in an application in an application
4 platform a communication sent by a user from a first
communication device;

(b) determining an access right said user has to
information stored in a database of said application in said
8 application platform;

(c) accessing a current database hierarchy,
10 authorization parameters, and interaction control parameters
for said application;

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(d) granting access to said user, according to said
12 access right of said user, to a portion of said information
14 stored in said database;

(e) determining a dynamic interaction capability for
16 said user with said portion of said information based on said
database hierarchy, said authorization parameters, and said
18 interaction control parameters;

(f) prioritizing an order of said portion of said
20 information;

(g) receiving a request by said user to customize
22 reviewable content by creating a digital binder;

(h) receiving at least one selection input from said
24 user of a part of said portion of said information stored in
said database to include in said digital binder;

(i) sorting said part of said portion of said
26 information; and

(j) presenting for review to said user said digital
28 binder having said sorted part of said portion of said
30 information.

59. A method according to claim 58 wherein said access
2 right is based upon an access status, wherein said access

status comprises a one of an inclusive access and an exclusive
4 access, and

further wherein said inclusive access allows access to
6 said information stored in said database except where excluded
by said authorization parameters and said interaction control
8 parameters, and

further wherein said exclusive access allows access to
10 said information stored in said database only where explicitly
assigned.

60. A method according to claim 58 wherein said current
2 database hierarchy comprises:

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a top-level hierarchy having at least one top-level
4 subject;

at least one mid-level hierarchy, each of said at least
6 one mid-level hierarchy having at least one mid-level subject
related to at least one of said at least one top-level
8 subject; and

a low-level hierarchy having at least one low-level
10 subject related to at least one of said at least one mid-level
subject,

12 wherein said part of said portion of said information in
said digital binder remains linked in real time to said
14 current database hierarchy.

61. A method according to claim 60 wherein said current
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level leader assigned to each of said at
4 least one top-level subject;

at least one mid-level leader assigned to each of said at
6 least one mid-level subject; and

at least one low-level leader assigned to each of said at
8 least one low-level subject.

62. A method according to claim 60 wherein said current
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level authorization parameter and at
4 least one top-level interaction control parameter associated
with each of said at least one top-level subject;

6 at least one mid-level authorization parameter and at
least one mid-level interaction control parameter associated
8 with each of said at least one mid-level subject; and

at least one low-level authorization parameter and at
10 least one low-level interaction control parameter associated
with each of said at least one low-level subject.

63. A method according to claim 62 wherein said at least
2 one low-level authorization parameter and said at least one
low-level interaction control parameter associated with each
4 of said at least one low-level subject is inherited from said
at least one mid-level subject related to said at least one
6 low-level subject, and

further wherein said at least one mid-level authorization
8 parameter and said at least one mid-level interaction control
parameter associated with each of said at least one mid-level
10 subject is inherited from said at least one top-level subject
related to said at least one mid-level subject, and

12 further wherein said at least one top-level authorization
parameter and said at least one top-level interaction control
14 parameter associated with each of said at least one top-level
subject is inherited from a web master.

64. A method according to claim 58 wherein said
2 determining dynamic interaction capability further comprises:

stratifying said portion of said information into at
4 least one item type.

65. A method according to claim 64 wherein said at least
2 one item type comprises a one of an idea, question, event,
review, survey, newsletter, and action item.

66. A method according to claim 58 wherein each of said
2 authorization parameters has at least one access level,
wherein a higher one of each of said at least one access level
4 provides more management control than a lower one of each of
said at least one access level.

67. A method according to claim 58 wherein each of said
2 interaction control parameters has at least one control level,
wherein a higher one of each of said at least one control
4 level provides more management control than a lower one of
each of said at least one control level.

68. A method according to claim 58 further comprising:
2 outputting said digital binder to at least a second
communication device over a communications channel.

69. A method according to claim 58 further comprising:
2 updating said digital binder in real time with new
content received in said application related to said at least
4 one selection input.

70. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving in an application of an application
4 platform a communication sent by a user from a first
communication device;

(b) determining an access right said user has to
6 information stored in a database of said application in said
8 application platform;

(c) accessing a current database hierarchy,
10 authorization parameters, and interaction control parameters
for said application;

(d) granting access to said user, according to said
12 access right of said user, to a portion of said information
stored in said database;

(e) determining a dynamic interaction capability for
16 said user with said portion of said information based on said
database hierarchy, said authorization parameters, and said
18 interaction control parameters;

(f) prioritizing an order of said portion of said
20 information;

(g) presenting said ordered said portion of said
22 information to said user for review;

(h) accepting selection input from said user of a
24 portion of said ordered said portion of said information for
output; and

(i) outputting said portion of said ordered said portion
26 of said information to at least a second communication device.

71. A method according to claim 70 wherein said
2 outputting step further comprises the following steps:

consolidating said portion of said ordered said portion
4 of said information;

sorting said portion of said ordered said portion of said
6 information;

setting a level of content review for said portion of
8 said ordered said portion of said information,

wherein said level of content review is a one of a
10 full review, a summary only review, a title only review,
and an all responses review; and

12 formatting said portion of said ordered said portion of
said information in said level of content review.

72. A method according to claim 70 wherein said access
2 right is based upon an access status, wherein said access
status comprises a one of an inclusive access and an exclusive
4 access, and

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6 further wherein said inclusive access allows access to
said information stored in said database except where excluded
by said authorization parameters and said interaction control
8 parameters, and

further wherein said exclusive access allows access to
10 said information stored in said database only where explicitly
assigned.

73. A method according to claim 70 wherein said current
2 database hierarchy comprises:

a top-level hierarchy having at least one top-level
4 subject;

at least one mid-level hierarchy, each of said at least
6 one mid-level hierarchy having at least one mid-level subject
related to at least one of said at least one top-level
8 subject; and

a low-level hierarchy having at least one low-level
10 subject related to at least one of said at least one mid-level
subject.

74. A method according to claim 73 wherein said current
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level leader assigned to each of said at
4 least one top-level subject;

at least one mid-level leader assigned to each of said at
6 least one mid-level subject; and

at least one low-level leader assigned to each of said at
8 least one low-level subject.

75. A method according to claim 73 wherein said current
2 database hierarchy further comprises:

at least one top-level authorization parameter and at
4 least one top-level interaction control parameter associated
with each of said at least one top-level subject;

at least one mid-level authorization parameter and at
6 least one mid-level interaction control parameter associated
with each of said at least one mid-level subject; and

at least one low-level authorization parameter and at
10 least one low-level interaction control parameter associated
with each of said at least one low-level subject.

76. A method according to claim 75 wherein said at least
2 one low-level authorization parameter and said at least one
low-level interaction control parameter associated with each
4 of said at least one low-level subject is inherited from said
at least one mid-level subject related to said at least one
6 low-level subject, and

further wherein said at least one mid-level authorization
8 parameter and said at least one mid-level interaction control
parameter associated with each of said at least one mid-level
10 subject is inherited from said at least one top-level subject
related to said at least one mid-level subject, and

further wherein said at least one top-level authorization
12 parameter and said at least one top-level interaction control
14 parameter associated with each of said at least one top-level
subject is inherited from a web master.

77. A method according to claim 70 wherein said
2 determining dynamic interaction capability further comprises:
stratifying said portion of said information into at
4 least one item type.

78. A method according to claim 77 wherein said at least
2 one item type comprises a one of an idea, question, event,
review, survey, newsletter, and action item.

79. A method according to claim 70 wherein each of said
2 authorization parameters has at least one access level,
wherein a higher one of each of said at least one access level
4 provides more management control than a lower one of each of
said at least one access level.

80. A method according to claim 70 wherein each of said
2 interaction control parameters has at least one control level,
wherein a higher one of each of said at least one control
4 level provides more management control than a lower one of
each of said at least one control level.

81. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community, the computer system comprising:
an application platform having an application for
4 receiving a communication sent by a user from a first
communication device, said application further comprising:
6 a database for storing information in said
application;
8 an authorization interface module for determining an
access right of said user to said stored information;
10 an inherited parameters responsibility module for
setting a current database hierarchy, at least one
12 authorization parameter, and at least one interaction
control parameter in said application;
14 an authorization module for granting access to said
user, according to said access right of said user, to a
16 portion of said information stored in said database;
an interaction control module for determining a
18 dynamic interaction capability for said user with said
portion of said information based on said database
20 hierarchy, said authorization parameters, and said
interaction control parameters;
22 a content prioritizing interface for ordering said
portion of said information;
24 a reviewing module for presenting said ordered
portion of said information to said user for review;
26 an input module for accepting input from said
communication from said user;
28 a thread synchronization module for synchronizing
said input from said communication from said user with
30 said information stored in said database; and
an output module for outputting a response from said
32 user to at least a second communication device.

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82. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 81 wherein said application
platform is a one of a centralized application platform
4 architecture and a distributed application platform
architecture,

6 wherein said distributed application platform
architecture has a plurality of databases for storing
8 distributively said plurality of communications.

83. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 82 further comprising:

4 for said distributed application platform architecture, a
content synchronization module for exchanging and
synchronizing content between said plurality of databases.

84. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 81 said application further
comprises:

4 a content access interface for determining said current
database hierarchy accessible by said user; and

6 further wherein said content prioritizing interface sorts
and prioritizes said portion of said information.

85. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 81 wherein said current
database hierarchy comprises:

4 a top-level hierarchy having at least one top-level
subject;

6 at least one mid-level hierarchy, each of said at least
one mid-level hierarchy having at least one mid-level subject
8 related to at least one of said at least one top-level
subject; and

10 a low-level hierarchy having at least one low-level
subject related to at least one of said at least one mid-level
12 subject.

86. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 81 further comprising:

a recording module accessible by said first communication
4 device,

wherein said recording module, after a user input is
6 received in said first communication device from said user on
a record option, queries said database causing said database
8 to deliver to said first communication device said current
database hierarchy, and

10 further wherein said recording module receives a user
selection input from said user of a topic within said current
12 database hierarchy with which to associate said input from
said communication from said user from said first
14 communication device, and

further wherein said recording module records and stores
16 in said database said input from said communication sent from
said first communication device.

87. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 86 wherein said recording
module resides on said first communication device.

88. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 86 wherein said recording
module resides on said application and is accessed over a
4 communication channel by a user input on said record option
selected from a tool bar displayed on said first communication
6 device.

89. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 81 wherein said inherited
parameters responsibility module further comprises:

4 a hierarchy initiation module for creating a plurality of
headings in a top-level hierarchy and for assigning at least
6 one heading leader for each of said plurality of headings, and

for creating a plurality of categories in a mid-level
8 hierarchy and for assigning at least one category leader for
each of said plurality of categories, and

10 for creating a plurality of topics in a low-level
hierarchy and for assigning at least one topic leader for each
12 of said plurality of topics,

wherein each of said stored information becomes an item
14 indexed to at least one of said plurality of topics.

90. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 81 wherein said input module
further comprises:

4 a resource attachment module for attaching a resource to
said input from said communication from said user,

6 wherein said resource is a one of an internal database
link, a document/file attachment, and an external Internet
8 link.

91. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 81 wherein said thread
synchronization module further comprises:

4 an initial priority-based content placement module for
determining a priority assignment for an initial communication
6 so that when reviewed by said user accessing said application,
said initial communication is reviewed in proper relationship
8 to a plurality of communications related to said initial
communication; and

10 a response priority-based content placement module for
determining a priority assignment for said response from said
12 user so that when reviewed by at least a second user accessing
said application, said response is reviewed in proper
14 relationship to a plurality of communications related to said
response.

92. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 81 wherein said reviewing
module further comprises:

4 a filter module for setting at least one filter
parameter; and

6 a consolidation reviewing interface for setting a level
of content review,

8 wherein said set level of content review is a one of a
full review, a summary only review, a title only review, and
10 an all responses review.

93. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 81 wherein said reviewing
module further comprises:

4 a customized interactive reviewing module for creating a
digital binder,

6 wherein said customized interactive reviewing module
allows said user to aggregate in said digital binder a
8 specific portion of said information most useful to said user.

94. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 93 wherein said input module
and said thread synchronization module update said digital
4 binder in real time with new content received in said
application related to said specific portion of said
6 information aggregated in said digital binder.

95. A computer system for enhancing communication within
2 a community according to claim 81 wherein said application
further comprises:

4 an alerts module for setting automatic alerts,
wherein said user can be automatically alerted to at
6 least one activity or at least one message, wherein said at
least one activity is a one of a topic within said database
8 hierarchy, an item type within said database hierarchy, a
response from an individual user within the community, a
10 response from any one of a member of a group of users within
the community, a new posting from an individual user within
12 the community, and a new posting from any one of a member of a
group of users within the community, and

14 further wherein said at least one message is sent to at
least a one of a home page of at least one other user, an e-
16 mail account of said at least one other user, a voice mail box
of said at least one other user, and to some other type of
18 communications device of said at least one other user.

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96. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community, the method comprising:

(a) establishing a hierarchical structure for organizing
4 communications between a plurality of users within the
community;

(b) distributing control through inherited parameters of
6 said hierarchical structure to at least one of said plurality
8 of users;

(c) storing in said hierarchical structure at least a
10 portion of said communications received from said plurality of
users from at least one of a plurality of input devices;

(d) prioritizing said at least a portion of said
12 communications within said hierarchical structure;

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(e) presenting to at least a one of said plurality of
14 users through said at least one of a plurality of input
16 devices a selected portion of said communications stored in
said hierarchical structure; and

(f) alerting said at least a one of said plurality of
18 users to an activity within the community,

20 wherein said activity is a one of a topic within said
hierarchical structure, an item type within said hierarchical
22 structure, a response from an individual user within the
community, a response from any one of a member of a group of
24 users within the community, a new posting from an individual
user within the community, and a new posting from any one of a
26 member of a group of users within the community.

97. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 96 wherein step (f) is replaced
by the following new step (f):

(f) alerting said at least a one of said plurality of
4 users to a message within the community,

6 wherein said message is sent to at least a one of a home
page of said at least one of said plurality of users, to an e-

8 mail account of said at least one of said plurality of users,
to a voice mail box of said at least one of said plurality of
10 users, and to some other type of communications device of said
at least one of said plurality of users.

98. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 96 wherein step (f) is replaced
by the following new step (f):

4 (f) alerting others within the community to an activity
or a message of said at least a one of said plurality of
6 users,

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8 wherein said activity is a one of a topic within said
hierarchical structure, an item type within said hierarchical
structure, a response from said at least one of said plurality
10 of users, a new posting from said at least one of said
plurality of users, and

12 further wherein said message is sent to at least a one of
a home page of said others within the community, to an e-mail
14 account of said others within the community, to a voice mail
box of said others within the community, and to some other
16 type of communications device of said others within the
community.

99. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 96 wherein step (f) is replaced
by the following new step (f) and further comprising the steps
4 (g) through (i):

6 (f) setting a deadline for a rapid feedback evaluation
of at least one item type;

8 (g) selecting a type of response for said rapid feedback
evaluation of said at least one item type;

10 (g) selecting a group of users to respond to said rapid
feedback evaluation of said at least one item type;

(h) sending said at least one item type and said
12 selected type of response to said selected group of users; and

(i) receiving a plurality of said selected type of
14 response from said selected group of users to said at least
one item type.

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100. A method for enhancing communication within a
2 community according to claim 99 wherein said at least one item
type is a one of an idea, question, event, review, survey,
4 newsletter, and action item.
